

REMARKS

The Office Action dated March 21, 2005 has been carefully considered. By the present amendment claims 1, 14, and 15 are amended, claim 11 is cancelled, and the specification is amended. New claims 26-45 are added. No new matter is added to the amended or new claims. Claims 1-10 and 12-45 are pending in this application.

Specification

The disclosure is objected to because the first paragraph contains a blank space for the Serial No. of the parent application. The specification is amended to provide the missing number and to delete the reference to the docket number.

Claim Objections

Claims 14 and 15 are objected to due to an incorrect claim dependency of those claims. Claims 14 and 15 are amended to depend from claim 13 to correct the informality.

35 USC § 102

Claims 1, 4, 5, 7-10 and 16-25 stand rejected under 35 USC § 102. The Office Action indicates that the remaining claims, 2, 3, 6, and 11-15 are objected to as being dependant upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 is amended to incorporate the limitation of claim 11. Therefore claims 1-10 and 12-25 contain allowable subject matter. New claim 26 merges the elements of claim 1 (prior to the amendment) with the limitation of claim 2. Therefore, new claim 26 also contains allowable subject matter. Additionally, as the new claims 27-45 all depend on new claim 26, those claims also contain allowable subject matter.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and request that all claims be allowed. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned should he believe that this would expedite prosecution of this application. It is believed that no fee is required. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2165.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Christopher S. Casieri', written over a horizontal line.

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